

CLAIMS

1. (PREVIOUSLY AMENDED) A method of providing audio/visual information comprising:
 - receiving audio/visual information in a first set top box;
 - transmitting the audio/visual information from the first set top box to a hand held computing device having a memory;
 - storing the audio/visual information in the memory;
 - transmitting the audio/visual information from the hand held computing device to a second set top box;
 - providing the audio/visual information received from the handheld computing device from the second set top box to an output device.
2. (ORIGINAL) The method of claim 1 wherein the first set top box and the second set top box are the same.
3. (ORIGINAL) The method of claim 1 wherein the step of transmitting the audio/visual information from the hand held computing device to a second set top box is performed in response to the depressing of a single button on the hand held computing device.
4. (ORIGINAL) The method of claim 1 wherein the audio/visual information is a video clip.
5. (ORIGINAL) The method of claim 1 wherein the audio/visual information is an audio recording.
6. (ORIGINAL) The method of claim 1 wherein the audio/visual information is an electronic version of a book.
7. (ORIGINAL) The method of claim 1 wherein the audio/visual information is a video game.

8. (ORIGINAL) The method of claim 1 wherein the output device is a television.

9. (ORIGINAL) The method of claim 1 further comprising displaying the audio/visual information on the hand held computing device.

10. (ORIGINAL) The method of claim 1 wherein the audio/visual information is received in the first set top box in an encrypted form, said method further comprising the first set top box decrypting the audio/visual information.

11. (PREVIOUSLY AMENDED) The method of claim 1 further comprising displaying a graphical user interface for controlling the transmitting of the audio/visual information.

12. (PREVIOUSLY AMENDED) A system for providing audio/visual information comprising:

an output device configured to utilize audio/visual information;

a set top box configured to:

receive audio/visual information;

transmit the audio/visual information to a first hand held computing device;

receive audio/visual information from a second hand held computing device;

provide the audio/visual information received from the second hand held computing device to the output device; and

the first hand held computing device and the second hand held computing device configured to:

receive audio/visual information;

store audio/visual information in memory; and

transmit audio/visual information.

13. (ORIGINAL) The system of claim 12 wherein the set top box is configured to provide the audio/visual information received from the hand held computing device to the output device when a single button on the hand held computing device is depressed.

14. (ORIGINAL) The system of claim 12 wherein the audio/visual information is a video clip.

15. (ORIGINAL) The system of claim 12 wherein the audio/visual information is an audio recording.

16. (ORIGINAL) The system of claim 12 wherein the audio/visual information is an electronic version of a book.

17. (ORIGINAL) The system of claim 12 wherein the audio/visual information is a video game.

18. (ORIGINAL) The system of claim 12 wherein the output device is a television.

19. (ORIGINAL) The system of claim 12 wherein the audio/visual information is received in the set top box in an encrypted form, said set top box further configured to decrypt the audio/visual information.

20. (PREVIOUSLY AMENDED) The system of claim 12 wherein the output device is further configured to display a graphical user interface for controlling the transmitting of the audio/visual information.

21. (ORIGINAL) An article of manufacture for utilizing audio/visual information comprising:

means for receiving audio/visual information in a first set top box;

means for transmitting the audio/visual information from the first set top box to a hand held computing device;

means for storing the audio/visual information in a memory of the hand held computing device;

means for transmitting the audio/visual information from the hand held computing device to a second set top box;

means for second set top box to provide the audio/visual information received from the hand held computing device to an output device; and

means for the output device to utilize the audio/visual information.

22. (ORIGINAL) The article of manufacture of claim 21 wherein the first set top box and the second set top box are the same.

23. (ORIGINAL) The article of manufacture of claim 21 further comprising a single means of the hand held computing device that may be depressed, said depressing activating the means for transmitting the audio/visual information from the hand held computing device to a second set top box.

24. (ORIGINAL) The article of manufacture of claim 21 wherein the audio/visual information is a video clip.

25. (ORIGINAL) The article of manufacture of claim 21 wherein the audio/visual information is an audio recording.

26. (ORIGINAL) The article of manufacture of claim 21 wherein the audio/visual information is an electronic version of a book.

27. (ORIGINAL) The article of manufacture of claim 21 wherein the audio/visual information is a video game.

28. (ORIGINAL) The article of manufacture of claim 21 wherein the output device is a television.

29. (ORIGINAL) The article of manufacture of claim 21 wherein the audio/visual information is received in the first set top box in an encrypted form, said article of manufacture further comprising means for decrypting the audio/visual information in the set top box.

30. (PREVIOUSLY AMENDED) The article of manufacture of claim 21 further comprising means for displaying a graphical user interface for controlling the transmitting of the audio/visual information.

31. (PREVIOUSLY ADDED) The method of claim 1 wherein the first set top box and the second set top box are different set top boxes.

32. (PREVIOUSLY ADDED) The system of claim 12 wherein the first hand held computing device and second hand held computing device are the same.

33. (PREVIOUSLY ADDED) The system of claim 12 wherein the first hand held computing device and second hand held computing device are different hand held computing devices.

34. (PREVIOUSLY ADDED) The article of manufacture of claim 21 wherein the first set top box and second set top box are different set top boxes.